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Representatives Thorpe and Cook Explore Solutions to Save Horse Racing in Arizona

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – Representative Bob Thorpe (R-6) and Representative David Cook (R-8) today announced that they would be exploring options to allocate state funds back to counties in order to revive traditions like county horse racing in rural Arizona.

The Arizona Department of Gaming's Racing Division said last month that they expect to run out of funds by March, months before the end of the fiscal year.

"Over the course of the next several years, myself, Rep. Cook, and several other rural legislators will be searching for opportunities for reallocating state revenue back into our counties," said Representative Thorpe. **"One area of interest is to provide state funds to revive county horse racing and return excitement to a great recreational opportunity for Arizona citizens, while increasing tourism and revenue generators for our counties."**

"With a relatively small amount of investment, counties can transform their racetracks into valuable economic assets and revenue drivers," said Representative Cook. **"These counties in rural Arizona are calling for our help, so we answered."**

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